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Docket No. 16096.5

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In re application of

Khemani et al.

Serial No.

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March 1, 2002

For:

BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER BLENDS FOR
USE IN MAKING FILMS, SHEETS AND OTHER
ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE

Examiner:

Ana Lucrecia Woodward

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 24, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following to be filed in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has requested an election of a single invention from the following patentably distinct inventions as alleged by the Examiner:

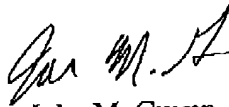
Group I	(Claims 1-3, 7-12, and 14-25):	two-component composition
Group II	(Claims 4-6 and 23-25):	three-component composition
Group III	(Claim 13):	three-component composition

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Applicants hereby elect claims 1-3, 7-12 and 14-25 of Group I without traverse. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of one or more of the non-elected claims upon the allowance of a generic or linking claim.

Dated this 24th day of June 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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